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(*c*) whether there is provision in law enjoining the various communities to use only the burial grounds and crematoria provided for them separately;

(*d*) whether indiscriminate use of these is punishable under the law now obtaining;

(*e*) whether Harijans are not allowed to use the burial grounds and crematoria provided for the Hindus; and

(*f*) whether the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1938, confer on the Harijans the right to the use of burial grounds and crematoria meant for Hindus?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sections 278 to 285 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and sections 140 to 146 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 297 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

" (*e*) The Government have no information on the point.

" (*f*) The Act will apply in the case of burning and burial grounds maintained out of the funds of a local authority if they could be regarded as institutions and are secular in character. So far there has been no judicial pronouncement on this question."

Nativity certificates for admission into Medical Colleges.

* 66 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of nativity certificate required from candidates seeking admission into Medical Colleges;

(*b*) whether the form of this certificate has remained the same since its introduction;

(*c*) whether the form has undergone any change during last year; and

(*d*) what circumstances necessitated the changes, if any?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" (*a*) It is a certificate intended to show the district to which the candidate belongs.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The form was changed in 1946.

" (*d*) The certificate indicates the district to which a candidate belongs. The original certificate was issued without reference to the place of birth and it did not indicate the circumstances with reference to which the candidate was certified to be the native of a particular district. The onus of proof was left on the Revenue authorities who issued the certificate but there were no instructions to guide them and the selection authorities merely acted on these certificates issued without any data for checking them or any principles with reference to which they were to be checked. It was therefore necessary to prescribe a form of certificate and to lay down instructions for the guidance of the candidates and the authorities who issued the certificates and the selection authorities who have to accept them."

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Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to consider the appointment of a committee for deciding the question of nativity in view of the fact that the present rules have been found very unsatisfactory?"

The Hon. Mrs. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" New rules have been framed for the purpose of issuing nativity certificates and therefore it may be suitable to have a committee for that purpose."

Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to consider that the form of the certificate as enunciated at present gives scope for the children of Government servants to obtain nativity certificates to the detriment of the people of the soil?"

The Hon. Mrs. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" I request the Member to put a separate question on the subject."

The Hon. Sri V. V. GIRI :—" Mr. President, I may be permitted to answer questions 67 and 68 to-morrow."

Location of the Government Stationery Stores.

* 69 Q.—Sri P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) where the Government Stationery Stores is now located and how long it has been there;

(b) whether the buildings of the Stores in the First Line Beach have been delivered back to the Government by the military who were occupying it and if so, when it was delivered back and why the Stores has not been removed there immediately;

(c) what the rent of the present premises is and what is the expenditure additionally incurred since 1942 on carting expenditure of goods daily from Madras to Guindy and back again to Madras; and

(d) when it is proposed to remove the stores to its own buildings?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

" (a) The Government Stationery Stores is now located at Guindy. It has been there since 22nd June 1942.

" (b) Yes, in June 1946. The godowns attached to the buildings of the Stationery Stores are now in the occupation of the Civil Supplies Department for storing food grains. Without the godowns, the Stationery Stores cannot be moved back to the First Line Beach.

" (c) The rent of the present premises at Guindy is Rs. 810 per mensem. The expenditure incurred since 1942 on the carting of goods daily from Madras to Guindy and back again to Madras is as follows :—

	RS.
1942–43	**27,013**
1943–44	**26,152**
1944–45	**31,973**
1945–46	**30,157**
1946–47 (up to date)	**6,993**